NOAA NWS ISSUES WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY FOR THE WEEKEND...NOAA NWS FREEZE WARNING ISSUED FOR L.A. COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED AREA COMMUNITIES REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 10 A.M., DECEMBER 6, 2013

(For specific dates and times of the various warnings and advisories, please see below. Also, please be advised that these NOAA NWS announcements may be subject to change if the weather conditions warrant it).

NOAA NWS Freeze Warning issued for L.A. County Operational Area Cities and Unincorporated Area Communities still remains in effect until 10 a.m. PST on Friday, December 6, 2013

The NOAA NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard office Freeze Warning issued for the Los Angeles County Operational Area (LACOA) cities and unincorporated area communities still remains in effect until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 6, 2013.

A NOAA NWS Freeze Warning means temperatures of 28 degrees or less for two consecutive hours, and these conditions are imminent and/or highly likely to occur. Low duration of subfreezing temperatures can impact unprotected vegetation, and animals. This type of cold weather condition can also cause expose water pipes to burst.

NOAA NWS advises frost or hard freeze conditions are forecasted to take place during the late night and early morning hours from now to Friday, December 6, 2013 in the Southwestern California areas including most of the LACOA cities and unincorporated area communities including Antelope Valley, Lancaster, Santa Monica Mountains, and Palmdale. Temperatures are expected to be at or below 28 degrees for at least six to eight consecutive hours. Minimum temperatures of 22 to 12 degrees are forecasted for Friday morning.

NOAA NWS Issues Winter Weather Advisory for L.A. County Operational Area Cities and Unincorporated Area Communities that starts at 6 a.m. PST on Saturday, December 7, 2013, and remains in effect until 3 a.m. PST on Sunday, December 8, 2013

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) Los Angeles/Oxnard office has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for the Los Angeles County Operational Area (LACOA) cities and unincorporated area communities including Acton, Los Angeles County Mountains, Mt. Wilson, and San Gabriel Mountains areas that starts at 6 a.m. PST on Saturday, December 7, 2013, and remains in effect until 3 a.m. PST on Sunday, December 8, 2013.

A cold storm is forecasted to move into the Southern California area late Friday night and early Saturday bringing snow to the lower elevations, and gusty winds.

Snow will begin on Saturday morning and will peak in the late morning and early afternoon. Rain showers will also continue through the early morning hours on Sunday. The accumulation of snow is predicted to be between 3-6 inches above the 4,500 feet. 1-3 inches is forecasted between 4,500 and 3,000 feet level and a mixture of rain and snow are possible at the 2,500 feet level.

The combination of low elevation snow and gusty winds will make travel hazardous through the mountains. Major routes through the mountains, including Interstate 5 Freeway through the Tejon Pass and Highway 2 through the San Gabriel Mountains are expected to receive at least a light accumulation of snow during this advisory period.

A NOAA NWS Winter Weather Advisory for snow and blowing snow means that visibilities will be limited due to a combination of falling and blowing snow, and residents are advised to use caution when traveling, especially in open areas.

Los Angeles County residents and businesses, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, may call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information, and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed at http://211la.org. To register for the Specific Needs Awareness Planning program please go to https://snap.lacounty.gov. For disaster/emergency preparedness information, please access https://lacoa.org and/or http://espfocus.org.

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